

2136  
TRW

PTO/SB/21 (09-04)

Approved for use through 07/31/2006. OMB 0651-0031

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

**TRANSMITTAL  
FORM**

(to be used for all correspondence after initial filing)

Total Number of Pages in This Submission

Application Number	10/015,301
Filing Date	12/12/2001
First Named Inventor	Matthias Stefan Bierbrauer
Art Unit	2136
Examiner Name	Pramila Parthasarathy
Total Number of Pages in This Submission	Attorney Docket Number DE920000115US1

**ENCLOSURES (Check all that apply)**

<input type="checkbox"/> Fee Transmittal Form	<input type="checkbox"/> Drawing(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> After Allowance Communication to TC
<input type="checkbox"/> Fee Attached	<input type="checkbox"/> Licensing-related Papers	<input type="checkbox"/> Appeal Communication to Board of Appeals and Interferences
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendment/Reply	<input type="checkbox"/> Petition	<input type="checkbox"/> Appeal Communication to TC (Appeal Notice, Brief, Reply Brief)
<input type="checkbox"/> After Final	<input type="checkbox"/> Petition to Convert to a Provisional Application	<input type="checkbox"/> Proprietary Information
<input type="checkbox"/> Affidavits/declaration(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> Power of Attorney, Revocation	<input type="checkbox"/> Status Letter
<input type="checkbox"/> Extension of Time Request	<input type="checkbox"/> Change of Correspondence Address	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other Enclosure(s) (please identify below):
<input type="checkbox"/> Express Abandonment Request	<input type="checkbox"/> Terminal Disclaimer	<input type="checkbox"/> Return Postcard
<input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement	<input type="checkbox"/> Request for Refund	
<input type="checkbox"/> Certified Copy of Priority Document(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> CD, Number of CD(s) _____	
<input type="checkbox"/> Reply to Missing Parts/ Incomplete Application	<input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Table on CD	
<input type="checkbox"/> Reply to Missing Parts under 37 CFR 1.52 or 1.53		
Remarks		

**SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT**

Firm Name	Winstead Sechrest & Minick P.C.		
Signature			
Printed name	Kelly K. Kerdzik		
Date	05/25/2005	Reg. No.	36,571

**CERTIFICATE OF TRANSMISSION/MAILING**

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being facsimile transmitted to the USPTO or deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on the date shown below:

Signature			
Typed or printed name	Toni Stanley	Date	05/25/2005

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.5. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.11 and 1.14. This collection is estimated to 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 and select option 2.



DE920000115US1

PATENT

- 1 -

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: : Before the Examiner:  
Matthias Stefan Bierbrauer : Pramila Parthasarathy  
: :  
Serial No.: 10/015,301 : Group Art Unit: 2136  
: :  
Filing Date: December 12, 2001 :  
: IBM Corporation  
Title: METHOD AND SYSTEM : P.O. Box 12195  
FOR AUTOMIZED AND : Dept. 9CCA, Bldg. 002-2  
SYNCHRONOUS EXECUTION OF: Research Triangle Park, NC 27709  
CUSTOMIZED CODE ON OFF- :  
LOADED RETRIEVED :  
IN A DOCUMENT PROCESSING :  
SYSTEM :  
:

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action having a mailing date of February 25, 2005, having a three-month shortened statutory period for response set to expire on May 25, 2005, please reconsider the rejections of the claims in view of the following remarks:

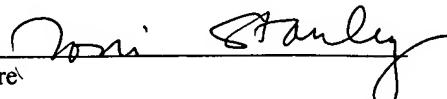
**Amendments to the Specification and Abstract** begin on page 2 of this paper and include both an attached replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 5 of this paper.

**CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.8**

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to Mail Stop Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on 5-25 2005.

  
Signature

Toni Stanley  
(Printed name of person certifying)